

### ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A method of validating an e-ticket includes the step of sending the e-ticket from an initial receiving server  $S_i$  to a plurality of servers including  $S_i$ . Each server returns an answer indicative of whether that

- 5 server previously answered an inquiry for the e-ticket. A conflict mode of validation is selected if at least one selected server of a majority of servers answered a previous inquiry for the e-ticket. A conflict-free mode of validation is selected if none of the majority of servers has answered any previous inquiry for the e-ticket.